



Senate Bill No. 399

Public Act No. 15-2

AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING FINANCIAL AID AND REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE CLOSURE OF CERTAIN COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Not later than November 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, The University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education describing how institutional financial aid was awarded to its undergraduate students during the previous academic year. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, a separate description for in-state and out-of-state students of the aggregate amount of institutional (1) financial aid funding available, (2) need-based financial aid awarded, and (3) merit-based financial aid awarded.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-6 and 10a-72 of the general statutes, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not (1) close, authorize the

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closure of or proceed with any closure authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any campus of Middlesex Community College, or (2) suspend, authorize the suspension of or proceed with any suspension authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any manufacturing program offered by said college, without the approval of the General Assembly.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-72 of the general statutes, Middlesex Community College shall not (1) close or proceed with any closure authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any of its campuses, or (2) suspend or proceed with any suspension authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any of its manufacturing programs, without the approval of the General Assembly.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-6 and 10a-72 of the general statutes, the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not (1) close, authorize the closure of or proceed with any closure authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any campus of a public institution of higher education within its jurisdiction, or (2) suspend, authorize the suspension of or proceed with any suspension authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any manufacturing program offered by a public institution of higher education within its jurisdiction, without the approval of the General Assembly.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10a-72 of the general statutes, a public institution of higher education within the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents for Higher Education shall not (1) close or proceed with any closure authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any of its campuses, or (2) suspend or proceed with any suspension authorized prior to the effective date of this section of any of its manufacturing programs, without the approval of the General Assembly.

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